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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: All General Officers
All Commanding Officers
All Officers in Charge

Subj: ENERGY CONSERVATION

1. Efficient energy use has long been a Marine Corps goal. Congressional legislation and Presidential orders have established mandates to meet specific energy conservation goals. A key provision of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 directs a 20 percent reduction in our energy consumption by the year 2000. Executive Order 12902 further extends the energy savings goal to 30 percent by the year 2005. To date we are on track to achieve these mandated goals, having achieved a 12 percent reduction since 1985. As we approach the 21st century, I want to emphasize that energy conservation will remain a Marine Corps priority.

2. Leadership and effective planning are key to successfully meeting our long-term energy conservation goals. Our energy conservation effort will require a teamwork approach with active participation by installation staffs and tenant commands. Your support of the program is critical as we must foster an awareness of the importance of energy conservation. Our strategy is in place---the 1994 Marine Corps Energy Conservation Campaign Plan outlines the five major areas where our energy conservation efforts should be focused. This plan will be used as the framework for installation execution plans.

3. Investment to create more energy efficient facilities will also be a primary determinant of our success in meeting the mandates. Funding is expected to remain available for energy conservation projects. Take maximum advantage of all opportunities to invest in cost effective facility improvements. Discipline in the use of our infrastructure and demolition of old, energy inefficient facilities, will produce needed energy savings.

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4. Our energy conservation efforts to date have been successful. However, a large task remains to be done. Be creative and innovative. Your leadership should visibly foster awareness of the energy conservation effort and active support for energy conservation on the job and at home


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